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**SB 208 AN ACT CONCERNING PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT SAFETY STANDARDS.**

The Connecticut Association of Boards of Education supports SB 208, An Act Concerning Playground Equipment Safety Standards. CABE supports safety standards in all aspects of the school campus. CABE has concerns on the implementation of new standards for playground equipment.

In school playgrounds all over Connecticut there is equipment that is currently in place and being well maintained and would have to be removed. Who would be responsible for those costs? The costs to erect new equipment should be considered in terms of a possible retrofitting that may accomplish the goal of safety standards.

Would the standards that would be annually sent to municipalities make it mandatory to demolish equipment that was put up only in the last year under what were current standards?

Whether it is swing sets or slides, we want students to have opportunities to play together, share and learn. If changes are made please consider the implementation at the local level in urban, suburban and rural school districts.

We appreciate your attention to this issue.